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**FELON SENTENCED TO OVER EIGHT YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR GUN POSSESSION**

United States Attorney Matt M. Dummermuth announced today an Omaha man was sentenced to over eight years in federal prison for illegally possessing a firearm

DONALD SMITH, 42, from Omaha received the prison term after a jury found him guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Evidence at trial showed **SMITH** possessed an SKS semi-automatic assault rifle and two extended capacity magazines after his earlier narcotics and burglary convictions.

SMITH was sentenced April 30, 2008, in Sioux City, Iowa, by United States District Court Judge Mark W. Bennett. **SMITH** was sentenced to 100 months' imprisonment. A special assessment of \$100 was imposed. **SMITH** must also serve a 3-year term of supervised release after the prison term. There is no parole in the federal system.

SMITH is being held in the United States Marshal's custody until he can be transported to a federal prison.

The case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a cooperative local, state, and federal program aimed at the enhanced prosecution of gun crimes. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Monona County's Sheriff's Office, and the Onawa Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Forde Fairchild.